

8th Grade Fundraiser

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What is your favorite special activity that the school provides? Is it something history related like Greek Day or Renaissance Day? Or is it a special field trip like Camp Pali or Astro Camp? All of these special activities cost money, and in order to get that money, the school needs to fundraise.



(Raising Cane's Restaurant)

Recently, there have been some fundraisers at different restaurants for the eighth grade classes. All of them have happened already.

Two that happened were one at Chipotle on Tuesday, March 5th, and the other at Raising Cane's on Tuesday, March 12th.

The other two fundraisers were at Panda Express on Tuesday, March 19th and at The Habit on Tuesday, March 26th. The address for The Habit is 3829 Torrance Blvd and was from 4pm to 9pm. But for the Panda Express fundraiser, you could go to any restaurant about the fundraiser.

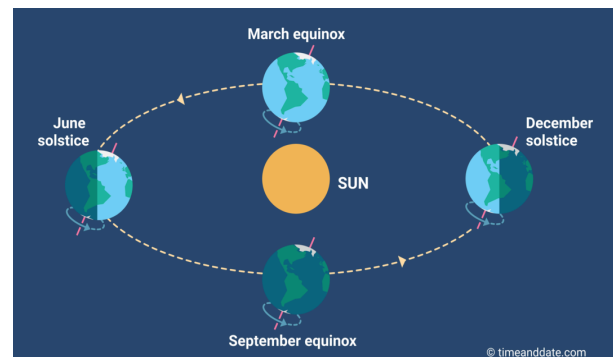
The money from the fundraiser will go towards end of the year activities for the 8th graders. Things like games or other outdoor activities for the 8th graders to participate in. Some of the outdoor activities could include picnics or maybe a bouncy house like we saw last year for the seventh graders on renaissance day.

Spring Equinox

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On Tuesday, March 19, the spring season will begin. This is also when the spring equinox (also called the March or vernal equinox) happens. This special day is when Earth's axis is perpendicular to the Sun's rays which means that the Sun would be directly overhead if you were to stand on the equator. The word "equinox" derives from words in Latin which mean "equal night." "Aequus" means equal and "nox" means night. It is also when the Northern and Southern Hemisphere have roughly around the same amounts of day and nighttime.

After the spring equinox, most places will have longer days. The length of the day increases the greatest on the day after the spring equinox. This continues until the summer solstice. However, this day is the start of autumn in the Southern Hemisphere. The seasons don't actually last the same amount of days. On average, the Northern Hemisphere experiences about 92.8 days of spring while the Southern Hemisphere experiences 89.9.



The diagram shows the equinoxes and solstices.

There is a myth that you can stand a raw egg on its end when the equinox happens. This started when stories about people in ancient China creating standing egg displays on the first day of spring were told. However, they celebrated it about 6 weeks earlier than the actual equinox. While some of it is true, you should be able to balance an egg on its end on other days too.

In Chichen Itza, Mexico, a special pyramid. Around 1000 C.E. the Mayans built one of many pyramids. On the spring equinox, the Sun creates a shadow that looks like a snake moving down the steps. For some people, this day isn't the start of spring. In meteorology, the spring season starts on March 1. In some countries, they determine when spring starts and ends based on the average temperature. This is why they don't have fixed season dates.